



**PROCLAMATION**  
**Days of Remembrance**  
**April 19 – 26, 2009**

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

**WHEREAS**, we the people of the City of Santa Barbara should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, we the people of the City of Santa Barbara should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society. The Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Barbara to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 as **Days of Remembrance** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, rescuers and liberators.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2009.

  
**MARTY BLUM, MAYOR**

